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Town of **EASTON** New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2006

The 2006 Annual Town Report is dedicated to the

Citizens of the Town of Easton

The end of a year is a time for us to think and take a good look at our lives
– and our ways of thinking.

Chuck Swindoll, in *The Finishing Touch*, wrote:

Nobody is a whole chain. Each one is a link.
But take away one link and the chain is broken.

Nobody is a whole team. Each one is a player.
But take away one player and the game is forfeited.

Nobody is a whole orchestra. Each one is a musician.
But take away one musician and the symphony is incomplete.

To make this thing called a town work, we have learned to lean and support.
And relate and respond.
And give and take.
And reach out and embrace.
And release and rely.

Thank you, Citizens!

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

for the year ending December 31, 2006

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All Agency Reports Are On File In The Selectmen's Office

~ Photo Front Cover ~

Moose was taken on Route 116 in Easton and background is brook
across from the Town Hall.

Photo by ~ Donna North

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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Selectmen

Robert Patterson (2007)
Paul Miller-White (2008)
Nicole Ashton (2009)

Town Clerk

Robert Thibault (2007)

Treasurer

Barbara J. Collier (2007)

Tax Collector

Robert Thibault (2007)

Auditor

Ralph Brigida (2007)

Moderator

Jim Collier (2008)

Lafayette School Board

Ardell Patterson (2007)

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Angela Brigida (2007)

Cemetery Trustees

Richard Larcom (2007)
Jeff Lax (2008)
Grayden Peckett (2009)

Supervisors of the Checklist

Amy Kelley (2008)
Patricia O'Brien (2010)
Donna North (2012)

Planning Board

Anita Craven (2007)
Jim Collier (2008)
Kevin O'Brien (2008)
Kathy Ouellette (2009)

Lon Ashton Alternate
Ronnie Sandler Alternate
Keith Kidder (Ex Officio)

Library Trustees

Laura Treuman - 1 year (2007) Barbara Collier - 2 years (2007)
Jean Kennard - 3 years (2008)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

Fire Chief

Charles Casey

Police Chief

Chad Morris - Resigned
09/21/06

Heath Officer

Dr. Parker Towle, MD

Emergency Manager

Paul Miller-White

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mike Kelley (2007)
John Hynes (2007)
Dennis Ford (2007)
Jack Feenstra (2008)
Paul Miller-White (Ex Officio)
Greg Sorg Alternate

Welfare Officer

Nicole Ashton

Building Inspector

Keith Kidder

Road Agent

Robert Peckett

Recreation Committee

Michael Kenney and Brian Canelas

Animal Control Officer

Richard Larcom

Conservation Commission

Richard Larcom (2007) Michael Platt (2007) Michael Kenney (2008)

**TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2006**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

The annual business meeting for the Town of Easton was called to order by the Moderator, Jim Collier, at 7:05 PM. Mr. Collier expressed his thanks on behalf of the Town to those who volunteer to help with the operation of the Town and urged more to do so.

A motion was made by Barbara Collier to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant, seconded by many. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).

Selectman - 3 year term

Nicole Ashton	40
Keith Kidder	23

Town Clerk - 1 year term

Bob Thibault	60
Matt Chernicki	1
Terri Rainville	1
Barbara Collier	1
Genny Miller	1

Tax Collector - 1 year term

Bob Thibault	20
Barbara Collier	4
Gayle Noel	3
Keith Kidder	1

Treasurer - 1 year term

Barbara Collier	59
Ralph Brigida	1
Patricia O'Brien	1

Auditor - 1 year term

Ralph Brigida	62
Butterfield	1

Planning Board - 3 year term

Kathy Ouellette	63
Paul Miller-White	1

Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term

Grayden Peckett	7
Richard Larcom	5
Paul Miller-White	2
Keith Kidder	2

Library Trustee – 3 year term

Laura Treuman	11
Donna North	6
Anne Peckett	4

Supervisors of Checklist - 6 year term

Vote for two

Donna North	14
Patricia O'Brien	7
Nancy Feenstra	4
Kathy Thibault	3

Mr. Collier was nominated from the floor for Town Moderator by Jim Hunt, seconded by Pam McLaren. The motion passed and he was elected on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,794.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 – Executive	\$ 13,425.00
4140 – Election, Registration & Vital Stats & Town Clerk	6,900.00

4150 – Financial Administration	3,900.00
4152 – Revaluation of Individual Properties	3,500.00
4153 – Legal Expenses	5,000.00
4155 – Personnel Administration - Payroll Taxes	1,600.00
4191 – Planning & Zoning	3,500.00
4194 – Government Buildings	9,100.00
4195 – Cemetery	1,300.00
4196 – Insurance	4,700.00
4197 – Advertising & Regional Associations	1,770.00
4199 – Contingency Fund	7,500.00
4210 – Police Department	3,500.00
4215 – Ambulances	500.00
4220 – Fire Department	16,000.00
4290 – Forest Fire Control	700.00
4299 – Communications (Dispatch)	1,719.00
4312 – Highway Maintenance	32,000.00
4324 – Solid Waste Collection	250.00
4324 – Solid Waste	15,711.00
4414 – Animal & Pest Control	150.00
4415 – Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,580.00
4442 – Welfare Assistance	2,000.00
4449 – Tri-County Community Action Program	700.00
4520 – Tri-Town Recreation Programs	5,500.00
4550 – Easton Library	500.00
4583 – Patriotic Purposes	100.00
4612 – Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 – Principal Payment on \$120,000 Construction Bond	6,000.00
4721 – Interest on \$120,000 Construction Bond	4,489.00
4723 – Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	0.00
Total Appropriations before Warrant Articles	\$153,794.00

Bob Patterson moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,794.00 for general Town operations. Keith Kidder seconded the motion. The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bob Patterson moved that Article 5 be considered next and to allow Dr. Parker Towle to speak to the article. The motion was seconded by Keith Kidder. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Purchase an Emergency Generator

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase and install an emergency generator for the town hall. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Dr. Towle discussed the Federal and State initiatives to develop effective Disaster Protocol Planning at all levels of government. He explained the plan and surveys included in the Town Report mailing.

The adoption of Article 5 as written was moved by Bob Patterson and seconded by Dr. Campbell McLaren. After discussion on the location and maintenance responsibility of the generator and the possibility of pursuing grant funding, the motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. Resurfacing/Repairing and Tree Trimming of Town Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to continue the program of resurfacing, repairing and tree-trimming of Town roads. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Bob Patterson moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Barbara Collier. Question was raised as to whether this Article included Sugar Hill Road. The response was no because Sugar Hill Road is a state road, with only snow plowing done by the Town. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Cementing Town Hall Basement Floor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to cement the portion of the Town Hall basement that is now dirt and usually damp, if not wet, and to put a French drain around the perimeter on the inside connecting to the sump pump now in place. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Keith Kidder moved the adoption of Article 4 as written, seconded by Paul Miller-White. It was explained that this Article was being resubmitted because there was only one bid for the job last year and it was slightly over the appropriated amount. The Article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To establish a Town Road Repaving Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Road Repaving Capital Reserve Fund to provide necessary resources to repave the paved Town roads in a systematic fashion and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 towards this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Paul Miller-White moved to accept the Article and Keith Kidder seconded. Road Agent Bob Peckett spoke to the Article, explaining the benefits of paving the approximate 3.4 miles of town roads. Discussion ensued about the amount of time it might take to accumulate enough monies at this rate to be able to have all the roads paved. The Article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Painting the Interior of the Fire Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to clean and then paint the interior of the town Fire Station. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.)

Paul Miller-White moved to accept the Article as written, seconded by Bob Patterson. The scope of the job was discussed with respect to the cleaning portion of the bid. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Anita Craven moved that the Town adopt a resolution of congratulations and appreciation concerning resident Bode Miller to read as follows:

Be it resolved that
This 2006 Town Meeting of Easton, New Hampshire, congratulates its resident
Bode Miller
for his achievement in skiing.
Beyond being an Olympian
with two silver medals,
2005 Overall World Cup Champion,
and winner of multiple other
World Cup Championships,
Bode, with his extraordinary athletic abilities,
fierce independence and unabashed honesty,
has forged himself a legendary place
in our Town's history.

Seconded by many, passed on a voice vote.

Bob Patterson thanked outgoing Selectman Keith Kidder for his contribution to the community as Selectman for 6 years.

Police Chief Chad Morris was introduced to the body by Bob Patterson.

Patricia O'Brien recognized the loss of 4 Easton residents in this past year. They will be missed by many - Elizabeth Buxton, David Goodwin, Steven North and Barbara Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Thibault
Easton Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen continue to conduct the routine business of the Town. These duties include:

- Working and supporting the various Town positions,
- Reviewing and approving permits,
- Making property reappraisals,
- Providing guidance to landowners regarding zoning and subdivision regulations,
- Enforcing the Town ordinances,
- Making welfare and tax abatement decisions,
- Working to resolve various infractions of our Town regulations in a fair and equitable manner,
- Enforcing the Zoning regulations required by state statute,
- Attending municipal training programs to keep abreast of changes in the state laws that might impact our community.

Other Items of Note

Town Reassessment: Last year we completed our state mandated Town reassessment. That reassessment was implemented for the first time in 18 years. This year the Selectmen worked with the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and our assessors. The DRA recommended that an up to date assessment system be adopted. Representatives of the DRA described the new system in the following manner:

“Each year (2006-2009) there will be a re-measure and re-list of 25% of the parcels. The purpose of this endeavor will be to correct any physical data or property changes. Any necessary changes will be calculated using values as determined from our last reevaluation. In the year 2010 a valuation up date will be conducted using values obtained by updated DRA ratio studies and sales analysis.”

Emergency Generator: An emergency generator is now in place. The generator will assist the community in times of emergency. There is a special health emergency planning team for the Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill communities. This team is working with the State Department of Health to design protocols to be used in the case of medical emergencies. To be successful, strict community cooperation will be needed to ensure successful implementation of these protocols. We expect that within the near future considerable public information will be distributed from this team. Questions regarding the work of this team may be directed to Dr. Parker Towle, Dr. Campbell McLaren and Paul White.

A Note of Appreciation: Once again our Fire Department has diligently provided a multitude of services to the community. The Selectmen wish to acknowledge that the Fire Department's work is both recognized and appreciated. Chief Casey and his assistant Art Rainville and the members of the Department have contributed significant hours of their time for our protection.

Personnel: Last year the Selectmen's report noted in appreciation Barbara Collier's willingness to step in and substitute as Town Treasurer. This will be Barbara's last year

of work for the community. As this report goes to press we are informed that there will be one of our community members willing to assume the position of Treasurer and another who is willing to assume the duties of the Selectperson. Bob Patterson will be stepping down after serving three years as a Selectperson.

Respectfully submitted by the
Selectmen of Easton,
Bob Patterson, Chair
Paul White
Nicole Ashton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2006	Actual 2006	Estimated 2007
Taxes:			
3185 Timber Taxes	\$ 187.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 0.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	18,741.00	19,059.00	18,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	790.00	1,693.00	800.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	40,000.00	58,443.00	40,000.00
3230 Building Permits	100.00	325.00	100.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	500.00	620.00	500.00
From State:			
3351 Shared Revenues	846.00	1,315.00	846.00
3352 Rooms & Meals Tax	11,224.00	11,224.00	10,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	7,815.00	7,815.00	7,815.00
3359 Other (including Railroad Tax)	0.00	250.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	12.00	386.00	200.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3502 Interest on Investments	171.00	295.00	200.00
3503-3509 Other	2,308.00	2,601.00	1,200.00
Interfund Operating Transfer In:			
3915 From Capital Reserve Funds	0.00	0.00	9,200.00
Other Financing Sources:			
3934 Fund Balance (“Surplus”) to Reduce Taxes	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$132,694.00	\$154,351.00	\$138,861.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Subtotal 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$153,794.00	\$161,868.00
Subtotal 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	9,000.00	0.00
Subtotal 3 “Individual” Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>28,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$191,294.00	\$169,368.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>132,694.00</u>	<u>138,861.00</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 58,600.00	\$ 30,507.00

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915	Road Repaving	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$ 0.00
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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4312	Road Repairs	\$9,000.00	\$11,637.00	\$ 0.00
4194	Cement Basement	8,000.00	7,900.00	0.00
4902	Emergency Generator	8,000.00	6,752.00	1,500.00
4220	Painting Interior	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
4902	Fire Hoses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>

Subtotal 3 Recommended	\$7,500.00
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2006	Actual 2006	Budgeted 2007
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 13,425.00	\$ 10,719.00	\$ 13,935.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	6,900.00	8,149.00	8,450.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	3,900.00	3,411.00	5,000.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	3,500.00	6,113.00	5,780.00
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	1,600.00	1,172.00	1,600.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	3,500.00	2,093.00	2,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	9,100.00	6,798.00	9,875.00
4195 Cemetery	1,300.00	1,268.00	1,900.00
4196 Insurance	4,700.00	4,681.00	5,050.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,770.00	1,722.00	1,870.00
4199 Other General Government	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police Department	3,500.00	507.00	3,500.00
4215-4219 Ambulances	500.00	500.00	500.00
4220-4229 Fire	16,000.00	15,466.00	17,450.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	700.00	629.00	700.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,719.00	1,719.00	1,600.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highway & Streets	32,000.00	24,835.00	32,000.00
Sanitation:			
4323 Solid Waste Collection	250.00	0.00	250.00

4324 Solid Waste Disposal	15,711.00	15,918.00	15,918.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	150.00	0.00	150.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	1,580.00	1,580.00	1,580.00
Welfare:			
4441-4442 Administration & Direct Assist.	2,000.00	473.00	2,000.00
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other	700.00	700.00	700.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	5,500.00	4,589.00	5,360.00
4550-4559 Library	500.00	318.00	500.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	100.00	100.00
Conservation:			
4611-4612 Admin & Purch. of Nat. Resources	200.00	200.00	200.00
Debt Service:			
4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,489.00	4,560.00	4,400.00
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	0.00	0.00	500.00
Capital Outlay:			
4902 Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,080.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$153,794.00	\$125,300.00	\$161,868.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2006

Town Portion

Total Town Appropriations Budgeted	\$191,294.00
Less: Town Revenues Budgeted	(132,694.00)
Less: Shared Revenue To Town	(313.00)
Add: Overlay	2,059.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>3,700.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	64,046.00

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	465,750.00
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00
Less: Additional FY04 Targeted Aid	0.00
State Education Taxes	<u>(142,843.00)</u>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	322,907.00

State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.52	
56,796,366.00	142,843.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation	
(no utilities) 61,701,371	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00
Pay to State	0.00

County Portion

Due to County	70,583.00
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(156.00)</u>
Approved County Tax Effort	70,427.00
Total Property Tax Assessed	600,223.00
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(3,700.00)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$596,523.00

2006 Tax Rate		%
Town	\$ 1.02	.08
County	1.13	.16
School	5.19	.46
State	<u>2.32</u>	.30
	\$9.66/1000	100%

2005 Tax Rate		%
Town	\$.62	.08
County	1.19	.16
School	3.33	.46
State	<u>2.18</u>	.30
	\$7.32/1000	100%

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$28,948,271.00
Buildings	32,773,100.00
Less Elderly Exemption	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$61,701,371.00
Electric Utilities	<u>570,681.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$62,272,052.00
Increase in Net Valuation over 2005 (\$60,201,568.00)	\$ 1,499,803.00

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2006

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000 - Connecticut River Bank, N.A.

\$159,416.61

Total Checking/Savings

159,416.61

Other Current Assests

1010.3 - Cash on Hand

100.00

1010.7 - Cash Restricted Conservation

2,536.21

1080.9 - Reserve for Abatements Current Year

(2,000.00)

1080100 - Property Taxes - Current Year

243,405.00

1110 - Tax Liens Receivable

5,677.64

1510 - Prepaid Assets

4.41

1670 - Tax Deeded Property

1,442.97

Total Other Current Assets

251,166.23

Total Current Assets

410,582.84

TOTAL ASSETS

\$410,582.84

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2025- Withholding Taxes

\$ 1,228.46

2026 - Bills Payable

23,817.46

2027 - Accrued Payroll

1,130.25

2075 - Due to School Districts

212,148.00

2230.1 - TAN Note

75,000.00

Total Other Current Liabilities

313,324.17

Total Current Liabilities

313,324.17

Total Liabilities

313,324.17

Equity

2440.1 - Reserve for Conservation

2,536.21

2490 - Restricted Balance for Conservation

1,442.97

3900 - Retained Earnings

90,927.89

Net Income

2,351.60

Total Equity

97,258.67

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$410,582.84

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Land at Town Hall & Fire Station	\$ 29,450.00
Other Land	22,400.00
Building - Town Hall	239,342.00
Building - Fire Station	63,261.00
Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall	17,709.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	156,055.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library	2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$531,617.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2006 in accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines and generally accepted auditing standards applied on a consistent basis with that of the prior year.

In my opinion, these books and the reports prepared from them that appear in the Annual Town Report present fairly the financial position and operating revenues and expenditures of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor
January 22, 2007

TREASURER'S REPORT **for the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

Bank Balance- January 1, 2006		\$110,538.27
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$525,008.04	
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles	59,107.50	
From Federal & State Government	39,412.77	
Bank Interest	294.95	
Grants	250.00	
Tax Anticipation Loan	75,000.00	
Other Sources	<u>2,977.03</u>	
Total Receipts		\$702,050.29
Disbursements:		
Grafton County - County Taxes	\$ 70,583.00	
School Districts	399,750.00	
Selectmen Ordered Paid	<u>182,838.95</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$653,171.95</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2006		\$159,416.61

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance 1/01/02	\$120,000.00	\$58,425.00	\$178,425.00
Payments to 2005	24,000.00	20,805.22	44,805.22
Payments in 2006	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>4,560.00</u>	<u>10,560.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/06	\$ 90,000.00	\$33,059.78	\$123,059.78

PROFIT & LOSS

January through December 2006

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

3110-1	Property Tax Revenue	\$598,422.55
3185-0	Yield Taxes	325.32
3188-0	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	19,059.00
3190-0	Penalties & Interest	1,693.11
3220-0	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	58,443.00
3230-0	Building Permits	325.00
3290-0	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	619.50
3351-0	Shared Revenue Block Grant	1,315.00
3352-0	Rooms & Meals Tax	11,223.93
3353-0	Highway Block Grant	7,814.84
3359	Grant Money Received	250.00
3401-0	Income from All Departments	385.90
3502-0	Bank Interest	294.95
3504-0	Fines & Forfeits	10.00
3508	Donations	1,486.41
3509-0	Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,104.72</u>

Total Income

\$702,773.23

Expense

4130-0	Executive	
4130100	Salaries - Selectmen, Moderator	2,425.00
4130150	Secretary Pay	3,531.00
4130300	Outside Services - Tax Maps	1,055.00
4130600	Office Expenses	<u>3,707.95</u>

Total 4130-0 Executive

10,718.95

4140-0 Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics

4140100	Salary - Town Clerk	5,596.50
4140200	Fees - Town Clerk	26.00
4140500	Election & Voter Registration	1,423.15
4140600	Office & Miscellaneous	1,103.37
4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk, Vital Statistics and Other	<u>0.00</u>

Total 4140-0 Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics

8,149.02

4150 Financial Administration

4150100	Salaries - Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	2,500.00
4150200	Fees & Miscellaneous	97.63
4150600	Office Expenses & Bank Charges	<u>812.91</u>

Total 4150 Financial Administration

3,410.54

4152-0 Revaluation of Individual Property

6,113.33

4155-22	Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes		1,172.25
4191-00	Planning & Zoning		2,093.21
4194-0	Government Buildings		
4194400	Utilities	5,750.91	
4194800	Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	8,147.52	
4194900	Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	<u>799.09</u>	
Total 4194-0	Government Buildings		14,697.52
4195-0	Cemetery		
4195900	Mowing & Maintenance	<u>1,268.00</u>	
Total 4195-0	Cemetery		1,268.00
4196-0	Insurance		
4196100	Property Liability-NHMA	3,999.92	
4196200	Worker's Compensation - Primax	<u>680.62</u>	
Total 4196-0	Insurance		4,680.54
4197-0	Advertising & Regional Association		1,722.04
4210-0	Police Department		
4210100	Police Chief - Labor	477.00	
4210600	Services & Expenses	<u>30.13</u>	
Total 4210-0	Police Department		507.13
4215-0	Ambulance		500.00
4220-0	Fire Department		
4220100	Salary - Fire Chief	600.00	
4220110	Firefighters Call Pay	2,851.50	
4220200	Training, Dues, Other	619.74	
4220400	Utilities	3,026.10	
4220600	Office & Miscellaneous	539.75	
4220630	Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	1,392.82	
4220635	Truck Fuel	66.11	
4220700	Equipment & Small Tools	4,944.77	
4220800	Building Maintenance & Supply	738.66	
4220999	Fire Department Warrant Articles	<u>3,500.00</u>	
Total 4220-0	Fire Department		18,279.45
4290	Emergency Management - Forest Fire		
4290200	Training	262.54	
4290600	Office Expenses & Miscellaneous	772.88	
4290700	Equipment	<u>280.58</u>	
Total 4290	Emergency Management - Forest Fire		1,316.00
4299-0	Emergency Management - Communication		1,719.00



**TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 13, 2007**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Polls will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).

ARTICLE 2. To adopt an Amendment to Section 607 of the Easton Zoning Ordinance (ballot vote).

To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to Section 607 of the Zoning Ordinances of Easton, "Flood Hazard Zone" as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

(The Planning Board and the Selectmen recommend adoption of this Amendment.)

ARTICLE 3. New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution (ballot vote)

To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Easton.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment. In addition, the Town of Easton encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this Article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for these offices. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 4. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$161,868.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 - Executive	\$ 13,935.00
4140 - Election, Registration & Vital Stats & Town Clerk	8,450.00
4150 - Financial Administration	5,000.00
4152 - Revaluation of Individual Properties	5,780.00
4153 - Legal Expenses	5,000.00
4155 - Personnel Administration - Payroll Taxes	1,600.00

4191 - Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
4194 - Government Buildings	9,875.00
4195 - Cemetery	1,900.00
4196 - Insurance	5,050.00
4197 - Advertising & Regional Associations	1,870.00
4199 - Contingency Fund	7,500.00
4210 - Police Department	3,500.00
4215 - Ambulances	500.00
4220 - Fire Department	17,450.00
4290 - Forest Fire Control	700.00
4299 - Communications (Dispatch)	1,600.00
4312 - Highway Maintenance	32,000.00
4324 - Solid Waste Collection	250.00
4324 - Solid Waste	15,918.00
4414 - Animal & Pest Control	150.00
4415 - Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,580.00
4442 - Welfare Assistance	2,000.00
4449 - Tri-County Community Action Program	700.00
4520 - Tri-Town Recreation Programs	5,360.00
4550 - Easton Library	500.00
4583 - Patriotic Purposes - 4 th of July	100.00
4612 - Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 - Principal Payment on \$120,000 Construction Bond	6,000.00
4721 - Interest on \$120,000 Construction Bond	4,400.00
4723 - Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	500.00
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Total Appropriations before Warrant Articles	\$161,868.00
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ARTICLE 5. Discontinuation of Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Windows Capital Reserve Fund, established by Warrant Article #10 in 1996, amount to be transferred totals \$0.00.

Revaluation of individual properties Capital Reserve Fund, established by Warrant Article #6 in 2002, amount to be transferred totals \$0.00. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 6. Discontinuation of Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Expendable Trust Fund with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Town Remodeling Expendable Trust Fund, established by Warrant Article #10 in 1999, amount to be transferred totals \$0.00.

(The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. Dissolve the Town Road Repaving Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Town Road Repaving Reserve Fund and place the sum of \$9,000 (plus interest) into a general fund.

(The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 8. Easton Fire Department Equipment Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to purchase 1,000 feet of large diameter supply hose for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 9. Generators for Emergency Management

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to purchase three small portable generators for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Selectmen of Easton
Robert Patterson, Chairman
Paul Miller-White
Nicole Ashton

Note: Warrant Article Expenses
2006 - \$37,500
2007 - \$ 7,500
(\$30,000)

4312000 Highway Maintenance		
4312100 Highway Maintenance General	5,030.00	
4312200 Highway Maintenance Warrant Article	11,636.78	
4312000 Highway Maintenance - Other	<u>19,805.31</u>	
Total 4312000 Highway Maintenance		36,472.09
4324-0 Solid Waste		
4324100 Administration	1,000.00	
4324200 Disposal	<u>14,918.00</u>	
Total 4324-0 Solid Waste		15,918.00
4415 Health Agencies & Hospitals		1,580.00
4442 Welfare Assistance		473.44
4449 Other Welfare - Tri County CAP		700.00
4520 Tri-Town Recreation Programs		
4520100 Administration Fees	1,000.00	
4520200 Programs	<u>3,588.50</u>	
Total 4520 Tri-Town Recreation Programs		4,588.50
4550 Library		317.90
4583 Patriotic Purposes		100.00
4612 Conservation Commission		200.00
4711 Construction Bond - Principle		6,000.00
4721 Construction Bond - Interest		4,560.00
4902 Capital Expenses		7,831.72
4915 Transfers to Capital Reserve		9,000.00
4931 County Taxes		70,583.00
4933-0 Schools		
4933100 Lafayette Regional School District	243,079.00	
4933200 Profile School District	<u>222,671.00</u>	
Total 4933-0 Schools		465,750.00
4939-0 Excess Property Tax Education		<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>700,421.63</u>
Net Ordinary Income		<u>2,351.60</u>
Net Income		<u>\$ 2,351.60</u>

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2006 and Prior

DEBITS

		2006	Levies of: 2005 Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110		\$164,427.25
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$592,361.00	7.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	325.32	
Utility Charges	#3189	4,189.00	
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	#3110	10,348.00	
Costs			176.50
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	<u>306.40</u>	<u>1,148.49</u>
Total Debits		\$607,529.72	\$165,759.24

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$361,399.50	\$159,183.25
Yield Taxes		325.32	
Interest (include lien conversion)		306.40	1,148.49
Penalties			176.50
Utility Charges		2,093.00	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)			5,251.00
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080			
Property Taxes		241,309.00	0.00
Utility Charges		<u>2,096.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits		\$607,529.22	\$165,759.24

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

	2005	2004
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$740.50
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	5,677.64	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>0.00</u>	<u>61.72</u>
Total Debits	\$5,677.64	\$802.22

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$740.50
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	0.00	61.72
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110	<u>5,677.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$5,677.64	\$802.22

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$58,443.00	
Dog Registrations	380.50	
Penalties	12.00	
Certified Copies	52.50	
Marriage License & Certs.	57.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>162.00</u>	
Total Transferred to Town		\$59,107.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
August 7, 2006 Littleton, NH	Riley Patrick Plante	Patrick Plante Robin Plante

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
April 2, 2006 Franconia, NH	Richard E. Bennink Carole M. Hutton	Franconia, NH Easton, NH
April 19, 2006 Franconia, NH	Jeffrey T. Harold Lisa N. Schou	Easton, NH New Hampton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased
January 26, 2006 - Littleton, NH	Barbara Roberts
July 28, 2006 - Easton, NH	Mary Joan Laboe

Office Hours

Thursday Afternoon
1 PM - 6 PM and by Appointment

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Thibault, Town Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I hope this report finds everyone well in 2007. I have resigned my position as Chief of Police due to the fact that I do not have the **TIME** to adequately serve the people of Easton. Since being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant at the Sheriff's Department in July; I have assumed a large responsibility with more time investment. At the end of a long day, I come home to my young family which consumes the rest of my time. Those of you with kids know exactly what I am talking about. The last two years have been a measuring stick for me and it is clear that I do not have the time to commit to this position. I wish you all well and want to remind you that I will always keep a watchful eye on the community in which I reside.

With that being said, 2006 was littered with a variety of calls. They appear below in no particular order: alarms, shots fired calls, welfare checks, dog calls, harassment calls, and motor vehicle accidents, assist other departments, intoxicated subjects, conduct after accidents, motor vehicle violations, noise complaints, dog bite call, and arson investigation. Two summonses were issued for unlawful passing and one summons issued for unsafe lane change. My other responsibilities included meetings, yearly compliance, administrative duties, and issuance of pistol permits.

The 2006 structure fires caused considerable alarm. I was in close contact with the lead investigator from the Fire Marshall's Office throughout this time. I realize that it was a strange period in which information was limited. All of you were asked to keep your eyes open and to report any unusual or out of place people. This was done to maintain the integrity of the case. The case is still under investigation; however, I believe that positive steps have been made to find the responsible person(s). I said this before and I will say it again; we are a small community and need to look out for each other. If you notice anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, do not hesitate to call the police. If the circumstances are safe you may write down a description or license plate number. Trust your instincts as they are usually correct.

I want to wish everyone the very best and will see you around the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Chad M. Morris

EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2006 was an exceptionally busy year for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department has once again proven its effectiveness and value to the Town of Easton and the many surrounding Towns that Easton Volunteer Fire Department provides mutual aid to.

Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 29 calls in 2006 and these calls are broken down as follows:

Fire Alarm Activations (4) Trees on Power Lines (8) Motor Vehicle Accidents (5)
Structure Fires (1) Chimney Fires (1) Welfare Checks (1) Non Permitted Fires (3)
Mutual Aid Calls: Franconia (4) Woodstock (1) Twin Mtn. (1)

There were two suspected arson fires in Easton this year and the Fire Department was instrumental in assisting the Fire Marshall in the ongoing investigation. Members of the Easton Fire Department also assisted evacuating the residents of the Lafayette Center in Franconia when called to respond to a report of an unidentified odor detected in the building. The Town of Easton experienced several bad storms with high winds resulting in several downed power lines. The most severe storm of the year resulted in the loss of power for almost two days, which prompted the Fire Department to conduct house-to-house welfare checks to ensure that all of our residents were safe, and had adequate heat.

Easton Firefighters conducted extensive training throughout the year, which included multiple hours of interior building fire fighting techniques, command and control procedures, evacuation drills and vehicle extrications. The Department also received an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), which is a device that can be used by anyone with a minimal amount of training to defibrillate someone whose heart has stopped. Firefighters also received training on a new piece of communications equipment that is part of the Grafton County Interoperability System. The computerized system will enhance communication between Fire Departments, Police and Emergency response teams and provides an alternate means of communication for emergency responders.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the residents of Easton, the Fire Department was able to purchase an infrared detector. The Fire Finder II infrared heat sensor will allow us to detect and locate hot spots in a building. We cannot thank the residents enough for their generous donations. We would also like to especially thank Rusty White who allows us to use his building to conduct interior fire training.

The Easton Fire Department is always looking for new members (male and female) to join the Department. We need all types of volunteers; you do not necessarily need to charge into burning buildings. We need help operating equipment, fire engines and other fire fighting apparatus. In addition to fighting fires, we typically respond to reports of downed power lines and traffic accidents. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Fire Department or stop by during one of our meetings which take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

All of the Firefighters of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of your support and we Thank You for allowing us to serve our great community. We stand ready to respond when called to action.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Volunteer Firefighters
Charles Casey, Chief

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

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PLANNING BOARD

Goal Accomplished. The Planning Board this year completed a nearly two year total review of the Subdivision Regulations for the Town and has brought them into compliance with State Statute and the traditions of Easton Town Planning as guided by the Master Plan. The Regulations were somewhat delayed by the legal council review to which they were subjected after they had been presented at a public hearing. They will be signed early in 2007 and be available from the Planning Board and Town Clerk.

This is a dynamic regulation. The NH Legislature and National Agencies frequently make changes that must be incorporated. The same is true of the Zoning Ordinance. FEMA has new flood plain requirements which have been conveyed to us and will be considered early in 2007 for presentation on the Warrant for Town Meeting.

During the year the Board provided informal preliminary consultations to the Kenney Group in a complicated minor subdivision of their large parcel directly behind the Tamarack Tennis Camp. The result was the submission of two Minor Subdivision applications. They were both approved conditionally. As of the end of the year all conditions had not yet been met and final approval is still pending on both.

As announced last year in this report, the Board, as preliminary to reviewing the Master Plan, conducted a community-wide survey by mail to determine the views and goals of residents regarding our future here in Easton. We allowed about two months for residents to return their surveys. The survey process is now in the tabulation stage. First quick readings of the returns lead us to believe there is significant desire of Easton residents to maintain the rural character of our community, control taxes and to not make changes that would encourage sprawl. Our scenic views are mentioned often as worthy of preservation and there is increased interest in acquiring land or development rights to land to preserve these open spaces and views.

There are methods by which owners of large parcels can assure that their properties will remain open forever and still enjoy living on the property for years to come. The Board is prepared to discuss such goals with any property owners seeking preservation and conservation of land.

The Master Plan will be reviewed this year to be certain it reflects the results of the final tabulation of the survey results. Over one fourth of our community members responded to the survey. Your cooperation helps assure us that the Master Plan will continue to represent the desires of our citizens. The goal is to republish the plan before 2007 passes.

Currently the State controls all driveway entrances onto state highways. There are no guidelines or standards for driveway entries onto town and private roads. Provision for driveway guidelines has been made in an Appendix to the Sub Division Regulations. This Appendix is scheduled for public hearing and completion in 2007.

Participating as a member of the Planning Board is not difficult and does not require specific skills, education or training. Serving as an Alternate is a good way to become acquainted with how and what we do. The Planning Board meets at 7 PM on the first

Wednesday of every month. Meetings last about 2 hours. Alternate positions are open as of this writing. All meetings are public and you are encouraged to attend. Everyone has ideas that can be put to work assuring Easton continues to be the wonderful Town we all enjoy. Won't you give your Town two hours per month of your time?

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Craven
Kevin O'Brien
Kathy Ouellette
Keith Kidder, ex officio for Selectmen
Jim Collier, Chairman

LIBRARY REPORT

Many thanks to all our volunteers and welcome to our new volunteer, Kathy Bishop.

We now have an addition to the Library, the room next door in which volunteers are busy cleaning, painting and installing shelves. This will give us more room for books; allow us to have more comfortable seating and a table for magazines. We'll also be changing our main room a little to provide space for our computer. The computer will be on a dial-up connection for now though we're still hoping for high-speed in the future.

Your new Library should be ready by Town Meeting when we'll be open for viewing. Food will be provided an hour or so before the meeting starts. Please join us.

Jean Kennard

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

2006 was our first full year as a transporting ambulance and the transition from a non-transporting first response unit to a full transporting ambulance service has been smooth. The Life Squad has received praise for its members' professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients.

Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves. Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are constantly training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a refresher course and an extensive practical exam. Our members are very well trained with most members far exceeding the required minimum training.

Currently, four of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and two members are in the process of being certified at the advanced life support level. These members can administer certain medications and start intravenous lines. Many of our members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care.

Chris Fowler retired from the Franconia Life Squad after many years in order to spend more time with the Franconia Police Department. The Franconia Life Squad works closely with the area Police and Fire Departments as a seamless team which allows for a quick and professional mitigation of an emergency situation. The Franconia Life Squad currently has 17 active members which is more than it has ever had in its 34 year history. Current active members of the Franconia Life Squad include:

Chief Dean Wright		
Asst. Chief Bill Mead		Captain Robert Anthony
Bill Blackwell	Tim Bray	Lani Brown
Brian Canelas	Allan Clark	Amy Cyrs
Evelyn Eastonn	Jeff Gould	John Ireland
Linda Mordhorst	Flo Place	Gareth Slattery
Mark Taylor	Dan Walker	

During 2006, the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
	CALLS	TRANSPORTS	CALLS	TRANSPORTS
Franconia	105	65	113	39
Sugar Hill	40	1	27	1
Easton	9	3	10	10
Mutual Aid	1	1	6	6
Total	155	70	156	56

Note: FLS did not start transporting until 4/1/05

The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area twenty-four hours a day seven days a week by providing quality emergency medical care.

In 2006, the operating expenses were \$45,572 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$36,777 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$8,795 or roughly half the 2004 cost which was prior to transporting when the Ross Ambulance subsidy is included.

I sincerely thank the Townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the Members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Wright
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2006 was yet another busy year at the Transfer Station. Garbage tonnage rose to 540 tons, 5 tons more than last year but still 12 tons less than 2004. Although the recycling tonnage that we marketed dropped, we actually processed 10 tons more than 2005, the difference being not quite enough for full loads before 2007. Even so our recycling rate was 40%.

We recycled:

- 191 tons of paper products
- 11 tons of plastic
- 3 tons of aluminum cans
- 40 tons of scrap metal
- 111 tons of glass

Last April we participated in the first “Color it Green” community clean up which, thanks to numerous volunteers, was an excellent start. We hope to continue and expand the clean up in 2007.

A special thanks to Margo Connors, Leigh Starer, Ben Woo and the students of Lafayette School for the gardening and artwork. We can’t wait to see the bulbs they planted in full bloom.

Once again Greg, Chris and I thank you for your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Marshall
Transfer Station Manager

RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2005 - 2006 basketball season went extremely well, the 3rd & 4th grade boys team and the 5th & 6th grade boys team dominated area basketball teams. Later in the season both teams combined with Bethlehem to create a "Wildcats" powerhouse team in each age grouping that went on to several tournaments. Third grade girls under the leadership of Tricia Coyle played several area teams and many girls ended the season with a new appreciation of basketball. Fifth and sixth grade girls team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would see soon at Profile. Many thanks to coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Eric Meth, Tricia Coyle, Orlo Coots and our Bethlehem coaches!

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. Our t-ball team, farm league team, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and a major league softball completed our roster. Many of the players had the opportunity to continue to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Tremendous thanks to our volunteer coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson, Scott Knowlton, Jim Cyrs, Cindy Berlack, John Opalinski, Jim Alden and all our t-ball dads! Also to our dedicated umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full eight delightfully sunny weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. Summer Rec. involved lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors Anne Cowles and Jenna Serino. Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. The introduction of the completed kindergarten program began this summer for three days a week with great success. A larger than usual Adventure Group created some exciting field trips with teenagers who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Day trips to the beach, mountain biking, rock climbing, minor league baseball games and an overnight trip to Six Flags New England all under the experienced leadership of Chris Colongeli.

Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer recreation campers and our younger swimmers enjoyed the warmer waters of the Sunset Hill House for their swim lessons. Many thanks to both establishments and to Stonybrook Motel for use of their pools this summer.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the fields for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use smaller fields and goals at the school and in addition to the newest field at the Dow. The older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to our referees and volunteer coaches Mark Simpson, Derek Anneser, Linda Johnson, Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Brian Canelas, Scott Knowlton, Jeff Malcolm, Shane Carberry and Pam Anneser who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

With any luck and some colder weather this winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see you out there with your skates on! We are looking to bring back “Family Night” at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you’ll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Germain, Recreation Director and
the Tri-Town Recreation Committee
Easton: Brian Canelas & Mike Kenney
Franconia: Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm
& Tracy Chardon
Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency has been meeting the home health and hospice needs of the North Country since 1971.

Our Home Care Program provides skilled and supportive care services such as nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides, and homemakers and makes it possible for hundreds of people a year to continue to remain in their homes. In 2006 we traveled 249,408 miles to provide 25,754 visits to the residents in our 21-Town services area.

Our Hospice Program provides skilled and supportive services as well as, paying for medication for symptom relief, medical supplies, and equipment. We also pay for short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Our Compassionate Care Program provides limited amounts of free skilled care to those living with a life-limiting illness who do not have insurance or are under insured. Volunteer services have previously been contracted through the Hospice of the Littleton Area. The two Agencies are in the process of merging due to the belief that by doing so, we will be able to create an even stronger program of hospice and palliative care for our communities.

North Country Home Health and Hospice relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home and hospice care to people with limited or no health insurance. We have been grateful for your support of our work in this community and look forward to working with you to meet the home care and hospice needs of the residents of Easton.

Type of Care	Number of Visits
Nursing	1
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	3
Medical Social Service	1
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>0</u>
Total	5

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Jurasek Tomlinson
Executive Director

TOWN OF EASTON
1060 Easton Valley Road
Easton, NH 03580

FEES

(As of September 2006. Subject to Change)

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FEES

Up to 1300 Sq. Ft. - \$50.00
1300 Sq. Ft. - 2000 Sq. Ft. - \$55.00
Over 2000 Sq. Ft. - \$60.00
Alterations to Existing Structures - \$40.00



9-1-1 BUILDING NUMBERING - \$25.00



CURRENT USE APPLICATION - \$20.00



DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN ROADS - \$20.00



REAPPRAISAL CHARGES - \$45.00 per hour



SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FEES

Minor and Major Subdivisions: \$20.00
Plus An Additional \$5.00 For Each Lot Over First Three
Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: \$10.00



SUBDIVISION AND ZONING ORDINANCES

Taxpayers - FREE
Non-Taxpayers - \$10.00



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VOTER LISTS

\$20.00



CLERICAL TIME TO MEET MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION REQUESTS

\$20.00 per Hour, Payable before information is released.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

9-1-1

**POLICE – FIRE
MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**POLICE EMERGENCY
9-1-1**

**GRAFTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
787-2111
or
1-800-564-6911**

**FIRE CHIEF
Charles Casey – 823-5045**

**FIRE WARDENS
Arthur Rainville – 823-9558
Jon Place – 823-8759
Paul White – 823-8134**

**TOWN CLERK'S HOURS
Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017
Fax – 823-7780
Thursday Afternoon
1 PM – 6 PM
and by appointment**

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 2007

**An Up-To-Date
RABIES CERTIFICATE
Is required in Easton to License a dog.**

A \$15.00 Forfeit if not Licensed by June 1st.

NOTES

Select Board Meetings for 2007

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	*8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	*22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	*5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	*19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	*19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	*16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	*30					

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	*14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	*29	30	31		

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	*25	26	27	28	29	30

July

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22	*23	24	25	26	27	28
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August

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September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October

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November

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	*26	27	28	29	30	

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

* Select Board Meetings – 6:30 p.m. every other Monday evening

Planning Board Meetings – 7:00 p.m. first Wednesday of each month

Department Head Meetings with the Board - 6:30 p.m. as scheduled below.

Department	Meetings with Select Board					
Fire Chief	4/2,	5/4,	6/25,	8/6,	9/17,	10/29
Road Agent	4/16,	5/29,	7/9,	8/20,	10/1,	11/12
Town Clerk	4/30,	6/11,	7/20,	9/4,	10/13,	11/26

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